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The reason some people never change their minds is because they have no minds to change. Today offers a new point of view, and it may well change the vista from that discerned yesterday.

The Russian government has taken a decisive step toward protecting its home laborers against outside workmen. It has forbidden the employment of Austrian workmen in Russia, and the discharged men are being conducted out of the country.

There is such a thing as too much of a good thing. General Sherman at a public dinner in New York, having been welcomed as usual by "Marching Through Georgia," remarked feelingly in his little speech: "I have often thought that when I was marching to the sea it would have been well had I marched on into it."

If there is any doubt as to what study or studies should be followed with a view to self-culture, we can remove it by a simple rule given in three words, namely: Study your business. By this the daily bread is to be earned, and it is highly probable that the knowledge of the trade engaged in exceeds the information on all subjects outside of it.

We all have to learn in one way or another, that neither men nor boys get second chances in this world. We all get new chances till the end of our lives, but not second chances in the same set of circumstances; and the great difference between one person and another is, how he takes hold of and uses his first chance, and how he takes his fall if it is scored against him.

Why is it that the rich man after he has amassed a certain sum always likes to pretend he is so poor and is eternally harping about his poverty? Approach him with any business proposition, and no matter how favorably he be impressed he invariably has some fairy story to tell regarding his financial condition. "I like your scheme first rate," he may say, "strikes me as being a good thing, but I never was so hard up in life as I am just now."

The consumption of horse flesh for food in the old countries is growing rapidly. Supposing that horses could be raised as cheaply as cattle, what valid argument would there be against horse flesh as food? We naturally shrink from the thought of eating horse flesh, but the horse is one of the cleanest of animals, eating nothing that a sheep would not eat, and if it was the custom here as it is in Paris, we should think no more of eating good horse flesh than we do of eating good cow flesh.

PRACTICALLY the farmer now gives the hired man all the advantage that could accrue to him from the division of profits, as the competition for labor secures to most of those hiring nearly all, and sometimes more, than they could secure by working on their own account. If the farmer hired his help conditionally, giving a stated sum in any event, and more of the crops and markets proved favorable, he would thereby secure better service, and probably in most cases would pay little if any more than now.

ACCORDING to Judge Thayer of the United States Circuit court an American manufacturer who induces foreign workmen to come to America by sending them the means of transportation, with the assurance that he 'can' give them steady work, does not violate the contract labor law, but would do so should he write to them saying that he 'will' give them work if they 'will' come. It is a very easy thing to evade a law in this country when the interests of bosses require its evasion.

ADD carbon to pure iron and it becomes steel. Add a hydro-carbon to iron, and steel itself becomes so extensively modified that its properties are not recognizable. Thus steel may be as soft as pure iron. Add hydrogen in varying quantity, and it has the quality of resilience, as in the watch-spring, or the quality of tenacity, as in the knife or razor, or may be given nearly the hardness of a diamond, as in a file. With steel at a low temperature, from 400° to 450° F., edge-tools are produced, the color in the yellow shades; from 600° to 525° various sorts of springs are produced, color blue; while by heating iron to whiteness and plunging it into water, which is mainly composed of hydrogen, files are produced or forms even harder.

ADVERTISING is the legitimate coadjutor of any legitimate business. No one occupation or set of men has a monopoly of it by any code of common sense. When properly used and developed to its capacity for good it is as honorable and as dignified in its application to the professions mentioned as it is to the merchant, manufacturer, publisher, playwright, the artist or the pulpit. Like anything else, it can be put to wrong ends; but that should not discredit advertising as a proper factor for good purposes. As well denounce religion because there are hypocrites, or condemn water as a drink because men are drowned in the bay. Because men are drowned in the bay. Because rascals and disreputable members of the profession have invoked its aid, does not limit its usefulness when put to good ends.

A QUEER RACE.

A STORY OF A STRANGE PEOPLE

BY WILLIAM WESTALL.

CHAPTER XX.V.—CONTINUED.

Our burdens were pretty equally divided. I carried the cartridges (which were pretty heavy), the revolver, one of the rifles, tools, cooking utensils, and some twine, rope, and nails. Mab absolutely insisted on carrying the second rifle, and she an Arabian also carried the greater part of the provisions. Buttercup, as he proposed, carried the books in two bags, which he slung over his shoulder. He could have carried more, but thought strong, he was only a lad, after all, and I trust, from my experience as a volunteer and a pack animal, that a pack weighs a good deal

"Here it is!" said Marian, who had been questioning about her eyes were, if possible, sharper than Mah's.

A bank officer who must never be intrusted with a secret—the teller.

BALEFUL AMUSEMENTS.

**R. TALMAGE TALKS ABOUT THE
PLEASURES THAT DESTROY.**

Solemn Warning Against Vice in an Enticing Form. — How to Discriminate Between Good and Bad Amusements.

that yielded you hundreds and thousands of dollars, but how many proprietors have been riddled by costly amusements. When men go into amusements that they cannot afford, they first borrow what they cannot earn, and then they steal what they cannot borrow. First they go into embarrasment, and then into lying, and then into theft; and when a man gets as far as that he does not stop short of the penitentiary. There is not a prison in the land where there are not victims of amusements.

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AN ORIGINAL PACKAGE.

How a Queen was Snubbed.
The oft-told story of Napoleon at the sentinel repeated itself in a curious manner a short time ago at Laeken, the favorite residence of the King and Queen of the Belgians. Shortly after dusk the Queen accompanied by her favorite daughter started on foot to meet the King on his return from the Ardennes. The moon was rising at the time when she reached the end of the path where she was abruptly challenged by a sentinel, who demanded the password. Her Majesty had omitted to provide herself with it, but told the soldier to proceed and to allow her to follow. He declined, and the Queen was compelled to remain where she was until the officer of the guard was fetched, whereupon she was of course immediately released. The soldier on coming to the guard was unmercifully chaffed by his comrades for having refused to let the Queen pass. The laughing and joking, however, soon turned against them when the officer on duty returned from dining with the King and Queen and he called the trembling sentry and told him that his strict obedience to orders was rewarded with 50 francs from the King, a week's leave and promotion to sergeant. The soldier then turned to the Queen, the whole of his companions who had unanimously condemned him now swear that neither King, Queen nor Prince shall ever pass at Laeken without the countersigns.

The Smoker's Revenge.

Misses—"That was a very nice offer of Patrick's, offering you marriage. What shall I say in reply?"

Mary—"Tell him, mum, if you please, when I get my wages raised a little, mum, that I'll begin to save for wedding things."